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Attorney's Docket No. 018775-832

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE</b>
Kenji Masaki et al.	)	
Application No.: 09/880,964	)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: June 15, 2001	)	Examiner: Lucas Divine
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	)	Confirmation No.: 5968
IMAGE PROCESSING AND PRINT	)	
SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING	)	
FORGERY	)	

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner indicated that claim 8 is a print system "including the processor of claim 2". The Examiner also stated that claims 13 and 15 include steps that the processor of claim 2 performs. In addition, the Examiner has indicated that claim 10 is a print system including the processor of claim 6. However, each of the independent claims should be construed independently. Applicants submit that there are differences, for example, between the elements in claim 2 and the processor defined in claim 8.

In the event that there are any questions concerning these comments, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTICE CONCERNING TITLE**

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Sir:

On April 20, 2005, an Amendment was filed changing the title to "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND PRINT SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING FORGERY". Please enter this amendment prior to publishing the issued patent.

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